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SUBJ: MULTIFIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT

REF: A) STATE 127397; (B) STATE 132118; C) STATE 139324

SUMMARY: DCI&I HAS RETURNED DRAFT TEXT WITH SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS. DC&I HAS AUTHORITY TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT FORMALLY AND CAN EXCHANGE LETTERS AS SOON AS FINAL DRAFT AGREED.
END SUMMARY

1. DC&I HAS RETURNED DRAFT TEXT WITH SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS. WHILE MOST ARE MINOR, EXPLANATIONS WERE FURNISHED FOR FOUR PRINCIPAL ONES:

A. PARAGRAPH 8(A) OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT REQUIRES HONG KONG TO PROVIDE REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS (WORD UNDERLINED) FOR EXPORT AUTHORIZATION. HONG KONG'S EXISTING EA SYSTEM, HOWEVER, INVOLVES ONLY THE PROVISION OF REGULAR REPORTS ON EA'S ISSUDD (WORD UNDERLINED) AN IMPORTING COUNTRY. SINCE IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN WASHINGTON IN MAY REGARDING BASKET CATEGORIES WAS BASED ON HONG KONG'S EXISTING EAS SYSTEM, WE BELIEVE THAT THE AMENDMENT WE HAVE PROPOSED IN THE FIRST TWO LINES OF PARAGRAPH 8(A) SHOULD BE ADOPTED.

B. THE AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED IN LINES 3 AND 4 IN PARAGRAPH 8(H) ON PAGE 7 OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WILL BRING

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GRAPH 8(H) ON PAGE 7 OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WILL BRING

THE WORDING IN LINE WITH THAT USED IN ANNEX B OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INITIALLED IN WASHINGTON.

C. FOOTNOTE B SUGGESTED ON PAGE 6 OF ANNEX B OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT IS INTENDED TO REFLECT THE FACT THAT, AS AGREED IN THE WASHINGTON NEGOTIATIONS, HONG KONG WILL CONTROL EXPORTS OF MMF KNIT FABRICS IN CATEGORY 211 IN ACTUAL SQUARE YARDS, AND NOT IN POUNDS, USING THE CONVERSION FACTOR FOR CATEGORY 211 SET OUT ON PAGE 4 OF ANNEX B.

D. FOOTNOTE C) ON PAGE 6 OF ANNEX B IS REQUIRED BECAUSE A CONFIDENTIAL NOTE DATED JANUARY 6, 1972, ATTACHED TO THE CURRENT US/HK AGREEMENT ON MMF AND WOOL TEXTILES GIVES HONG KONG THE RIGHT TO CONTRL EXPORTS OF KNIT PRODUCTS IN CATEGORY 224 ON DOZENS AT THE SAME CONVERSION RATE AS THEIR COUNTERPART WOVEN PRODUCTS IN CATEGORIES 225-240; AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY UNDERSTANDING TO THE CONTRARY, THIS PRACTICE SHOULD BE CONTINUED UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT.

2. SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

A PAGE 3, LINE 1: INSERT COMMAN BETWEEN "ANNEX B" AND "OR".

B. PAGE 3, LINE 2: INSERT COMMAN BETWEEN "AGREEMENT" AN "IN".

C. PAGE 3, LINE 5: DELETE ARABIC NUMBER ONE AND SUBSTITUTE ARABIC FIVE BEFORE "PERCENT". (THIS AGREES WITH REFTEL C.)

D. PAGE 3, LINE 6, DELETE "EACH SUCCEEDING" AND SUBSTITUTE "THIRD".

E. PAGE 3, LINE 7; CHANGE "YEAR" TO "YEARS".

F. PAGE 3, LINE 14; BETWEEN "THE" AND "AMMOUNTS", INSERT "DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE".

G. PAGE 3, LINE 19; CAPITALIZE "AGREEMENT".

H. PAGE 5, LINE 24; DELETE "APPLICATTIONS".

I. PAGE 5, LINE 25; DELETE "FOR" N MAKE "AUTHORIZATION" PLURAL; DELETE "TO" AND SUBSTITUTE "ISSUED FOR."

J. PAGE 7, LINE 22; DELETE "UNUSUALLY " AND SUBSTITUTE "EXCEPTIONALLY".

K. PAGE 7, LINE 23, BETWEEN "OR" AND "CONCENTRATION" INSERT "UNUSUAL".

L. PAGE 7, LINE 24; CAPITALIZE "GOVERNMENTS".

M. PAGE 8, LINE 8 AND 9: DELETE "CONTAINING 17 PERCENT OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE OF WOOL BY WEIGHT". (RATIONALE : THIS IS REPEATED BELOW IN DEFINITION OF WOOL TEXTILES).

N. PAGE 8, LINE 21: CAPITALIZE "GOVERNMENTS."

O. PAGE 9, LINE 19, CAPITALIZE "GOVERNMENTS".

P. PAGE 10, LINE 3: CAPITALIZE "AGREEMENT."

Q. PAGE 11, LINE 1: DELETE ENTIRE LINE WHICH IS REPEAT OF LAST LINE ON PAGE 10.

R. PAGE 11, LINE 3, CAPITALIZE "GOVERNMENTS".

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S. PAGE 11, LINE 5: CAPITALIZE " AGREEMENTS."

T. PAGE 12: ADDRESSEE SHOULD BE: THE HONORABLE D.H. JORDAN, M.B.E., J.P., DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, HONGKONG.

U. ANNEX A, PAGE 3, CATEGORY 116: AFTER CONVERSION COLUMN, ADD FOOTNOTE INDICATOR "A."

V. ANNEX A, PAGE 3, CATEGORY 117: AFTER CONVERSION COLUMN, ADD FOOTNOTE INDICATOR "A."

W. ANNEX A, PAGE 4 CATEGORY 211: AFTER CONVERSION COLUMN, ADD FOOTNOTE INDICATOR "B."

X. ANNEX A, PAGE 5, CATEGORY 224, FTER GENERAL DESCRIPTION, I.E. BEFORE ARABIC NUMBERS IN PARENTHESES: DELETE "LB" AND "7.8" FROM UNIT AND CONVERSION COLUMNS.

Y. ANNEX A, PAGE 5, CATEGORY 224, (RLN OTHER WEARING APPAREL, KNIT: AFTER CONVERSION COLUMN, ADD FOOTNOTE INDICATOR "C."

Z. ANNEX A, PAGE 5, CATEOGRY 235: CHANGE CONVERSION FACTOR FROM "24.45" TO "24.46."

AA. ANNEX A, PAGE 6, FOOTNOTE: CHANGE SIGN FROM ASTERISK TO "A."

BB. ANNEX A, PAGE 6: (PLUS) FOLLOWING NEWLY DESIGNATED FOOTNOTE A, ADD FOLLOWING FOOTNOTE: " THE UNIT AND CONVERSION FACTOR FOR CATEGORY 211 ARE USED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO RECORD IMPORTS OF THIS ITEM."

CC. ANNEX A, PAGE 6: AFTER FOOTNOTE B, ADD FOLLOWING

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FOOTNOTE: "PRODUCTS IN CATEGORY 224 (4) HAVING
COUNTERPART PRODUCTS CONVERTIBLE IN DOZENS IN CATEGORIES
225 - 240 SHALL BE CONTROLLED BY HONG KONG IN DOZENS AT
THE SAME CONVERSION RATE AS THE COUNTERPART CATEGORIES.
OTHER PRODUCTS IN CATEGORY 224 (4) SHALL BE CONTROLLED
IN POUNDS AT THE RATE OF 7.8 SQUARE YARDS PER POUND.
DD. ANNEX B, PAGE 2, CATEGORY 237: CHANGE UNIT FROM
"DOZ" TO "NO." CHANGE QUANTITY FROM "123,972" TO
"123,973."

3. SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO SIDE LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

- A. PAGE 1, SALUTATION: ADDRESS TO MR. JORDAN.
- B. PAGE 1, LINE 2: CAPITALIZE "GOVERNMENTS."
- C. PAGE 1 LINE 4: BETWEEN PARENTHESIS AND "CONDITIONS,"
DELETE SEMICOLON AND SUBSTITUTE COMMA..
- D. PAGE 1, LINE 8: CAPITALIZE "GOVERNMENTS."
- E. PAGE 1, LINE 9: CAPITALIZE "GOVERNMENTS."
- F. PAGE 1, LINE 13: CAPITALIZE "GOVERNMENT."
- G. PAGE 1, LINE 17: CAPITALIZE "AGREEMENT."
- H. PAGE 2, LINE 3: CAPITALIZE "GOVERNMENTS."
- I. PAGE 2, LINE 11: BETWEEN ARABIC NUMBER 14 AND
"SEPARATELY," INSERT "OF THE AGREEMENT."
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